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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/035,821

**Applicant(s)**

WERLING ET AL.

**Examiner**

Simon J. Oh

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**Period for Reply**

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-64 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Papers Received***

Receipt is acknowledged of the applicants' request for continued examination, amendment, response, and petition for extension of time, all received on 29 March 2004.

### ***Double Patenting***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The provisional rejection of Claims 1-40 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 98-126 of co-pending Application No. 10/021,692 is rendered moot with the cancellation of those claims in the co-pending application.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

The rejection of Claims 1-64 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stainmesse *et al.* in view of Cima *et al.* is maintained.

### ***Response to Arguments***

Applicant's arguments filed 29 March 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

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The examiner does not consider the example in Stainmesse *et al.* cited by the applicants to be particularly limiting to the scope of the disclosure of the methods of the prior art. As the methods of the prior art can be applied to various substances, it is the position of the examiner that the state of the particles (crystalline or non-crystalline) produced by the prior art depend upon, or are influenced by the nature of the substance to made into sub-micron particles. Absent a demonstration made by the applicants showing otherwise, the examiner will not consider the scope of the methods of the prior art to be limited solely to the examples disclosed by the prior art.

Accordingly, since the examiner does not interpret the disclosure of the Stainmesse *et al.* patent to be strictly limited in scope to the manufacture of spherical particles, the rejection based upon the combination of disclosures from that reference with the Cima *et al.* patent is deemed proper and is maintained. The claims will remain rejected.

### ***Correspondence***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Simon J. Oh whose telephone number is (571) 272-0599. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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